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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Farooq Ullah Khan

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Examiner: Qureshi, Afsar M.

Group Art Unit: 2667

Title: HYBRID ARQ WITH PARALLEL PACKET TRANSMISSION

RESPONSECommissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. There is no *prima facie* case of obviousness against any of Applicant's claims.

All rejections depend on whether the proposed combination of the *Ratzel* and *English* references can be made and, if so, whether the proposed combination produces a result as suggested by the Examiner. The proposed combination cannot be made and even if it could, it does not result in anything that would establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

The Examiner is correct that the packet identifier (PKTID) 10 in *Ratzel* does not correspond to a number of parallel channels in a transmission system. The Examiner then proposes to substitute in the DLCI field 302 of the *English* reference, which is the frame end-to-end address field of a frame 300, for the PKTID. That modification cannot be made because it will remove an